

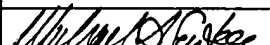
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).	Application Number	09/272,303
	Filing Date	March 19, 1999
	Examiner Name	Martin J. Angebrann
	First Named Inventor	Satoru TOMARU
	Group Art Unit	1756
	Attorney Docket Number	32307-147486

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.
NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1.	Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114
a.	<input type="checkbox"/> Previously submitted
i.	<input type="checkbox"/> Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____ (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
ii.	<input type="checkbox"/> Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
iii.	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
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2.	Miscellaneous
a.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of <u>TWO</u> months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
b.	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
3.	Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
a.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. <u>22-0261</u>
i.	<input type="checkbox"/> RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
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In re application of:

Satoru TOMARU *et al.*

Application No: 09/272,303

Confirmation No: 5475

Filed: March 19, 1999

For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING A MULTI-MODE OPTICAL WAVEGUIDE

Art Unit: 1756

Examiner: Mr. Martin J. Angebranndt

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action of May 19, 2003. Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time. The applicable extension fee of \$410.00, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a), is submitted herewith, along with a form PTO/SB/22. Should any further fees be required, please charge our Deposit Account No. 22-0261, and advise us accordingly.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

Please amend the application as follows.

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